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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 10 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2006 totaled 225,000 head, down 10 percent from the August 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory decreased 5,000 from the number on hand July 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 36,000 head, unchanged from July 2005 placements. Marketings during July totaled 40,000 head, down 5,000 from July 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above August 1, 2005 and 10 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the second highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.91 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000, 600-699 pounds were 403,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 2004.

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